

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of Confirm. No.: 6633
YOUNG Atty. Ref.: 5331-105
Serial No. 10/569,798 TC/A.U.: 1618
Filed: November 14, 2006 Examiner: Micah Paul Young
For: IMPROVED FORMULATION FOR PROVIDING AN
ENTERIC COATING MATERIAL

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 14, 2010, the due date having been extending by a Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 5 and 8-15 under 35 USC §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,567,438 to Cook (“Cook”), in view of US Patent No. 6,326,028 to Nivaggioli et al. (“Nivaggioli”), and further in view of US Patent No. 4,778,749 to Vasington et al. (“Vasington”). For the reasons explained below, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Cook reference discloses methods of forming shellac solutions that can be used to form coatings on foods and pharmaceutical doses. Such shellac coatings are intended to improve the appearance of the foods and pharmaceuticals.